

Colonel Mike Wehr grew up in a military family, studied Civil Engineering, and was commissioned a second lieutenant through ROTC at Santa Clara University in 1985. His formal education is typical of a career engineer officer and includes completion of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advance Courses, as well as graduation from the Command and General Staff College and the Joint Forces Staff College. COL Wehr also holds a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas.

Colonel Wehr served in engineer battalion assignments as a Lieutenant at Fort Ord, CA in the 14th (Corps Wheeled); as a Captain at Fort Bragg, NC in the 307th (Airborne); as a Major at Fort Stewart, GA in both the 92nd (Heavy) and the 11th (Mechanized); and returned back to Fort Bragg as a Lieutenant Colonel to command the 307th Engineer Battalion (Airborne) in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. Following command, he continued to serve the 82nd Airborne Division as the Chief of the Modular Force Coordination Cell for the Transformation of the Division. Other engineer assignments include the Japan Engineer District and U.S. Pacific Command. Tours overseas, including Saudi Arabia, and Iraq, as well as stateside posts have afforded Colonel Wehr unique professional and joint opportunities.

Colonel Wehr is coming to the Vicksburg District following his assignment to the U. S. Army War College with duty as Military Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He is grateful to have been awarded the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, with 3 oak leaf clusters, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, and the Sapper tab. He also holds a Professional Engineer License in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Colonel Wehr is married and blessed with two children.